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Honorable James H. Welsh  
Commissioner of Conservation  
State of Louisiana  
Post Office Box 44275  
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Re: APPLICATION FOR PUBLIC HEARING.

Bain Sand, Reservoir C; Hodge-Hunt Sand; and  
Brown-Ozley Sand; BEAR CREEK FIELD, Bienville  
Parish, Louisiana.

Dear Sir:

EL PASO PRODUCTION COMPANY ("Applicant") hereby respectfully applies for a public hearing to consider evidence relative to the issuance of Orders pertaining to the following matters relating to the Bain Sand, Reservoir C; the Hodge-Hunt Sand; and the Brown-Ozley Sand; all in the Bear Creek Field, Bienville Parish, Louisiana:

## Bain Sand, Reservoir C

1. To create one (1) additional drilling and production unit for the exploration for and production of gas and condensate from the Bain Sand, Reservoir C, such unit being designated BAIN RC SUC and being shown on an attached plat.
2. To force pool and integrate all separately owned tracts, mineral leases and other property interests within the proposed additional unit with each separate tract sharing in unit production on a surface acreage basis of participation.
3. To designate applicant as Operator of the proposed additional unit.
4. To designate the El Paso Production Company--Louisiana Minerals 7 No. 1 Well, located as shown on the attached plat, as the unit well for the proposed additional unit, in exception to the spacing provisions of Office of Conservation Order No. 78-J-2, effective October 3, 2000.
5. To extend, except as in conflict herewith, the provisions of Office of Conservation Order No. 78-J-2, effective October 3, 2000, as supplemented and amended by the Order No. 8-J series of Orders, to the proposed additional unit.

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6. To consider such other matters as may be pertinent to the Bain Sand, Reservoir C.

The Bain Sand, Reservoir C, in the Bear Creek Field, Bienville Parish, Louisiana, was defined in Office of Conservation Order No. 78-J-3, effective June 17, 2003.

#### Hodge-Hunt Sand and Brown-Ozley Sand

1. To permit Applicant to complete, designate and utilize its Louisiana Minerals 7 No. 1 Well as the unit well for H-H SUS and as the substitute unit well for BR-OZ SUAA, said well being located as shown on attached plats, in exception to the spacing provisions of Office of Conservation Order No. 78, effective February 9, 1944.

2. To find that completion, designation and use of the Louisiana Minerals 7 No. 1 Well as the substitute unit well for BR-OZ SUAA is necessary to efficiently and economically drain a portion of the Brown-Ozley Sand underlying BR-OZ SUAA which cannot be efficiently and economically drained by any existing well within these units.

The Brown-Ozley Sand in the Bear Creek Field, Bienville Parish, Louisiana, was defined in Office of Conservation Order No. 78-D, effective February 20, 1952.

The Hodge-Hunt Sand in the Bear Creek Field, Bienville Parish, Louisiana, was defined in Office of Conservation Order No. 78, effective February 9, 1944, as the Hosston Formation (restricted) and was subsequently renamed the Hodge-Hunt Sand.

#### Bain Sand, Reservoir C, and Hodge-Hunt Sand

1. To expand the provisions of Office of Conservation Order No. 78-51, effective August 6, 1998, to include the Bain Sand, Reservoir C, underlying BAIN RC SUC, and the Hodge-Hunt Sand underlying H-H SUS, so as to approve the downhole combination of production from the Bain Sand, Reservoir C, and the Hodge-Hunt Sand with the intervals approved for downhole combination in Order No. 78-51.

Pertinent data concerning this application is available for inspection at the offices of Louis Gilbert & Associates, Inc., 3636 N. Causeway Boulevard, Suite 204, Metairie, Louisiana 70002-7216. Any person desiring to inspect such data should call Mr. Louis Gilbert at (504) 834-8112 during normal business hours in order to arrange a date and time for such inspection. A copy of any such data which is not otherwise available from the Office of Conservation can be obtained from Applicant at the expense of the requesting party.

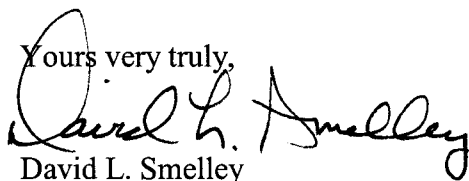
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By letter dated July 28, 2005, Applicant gave notice, in accordance with the Revised Rules of Procedure, of its intention to apply for a public hearing concerning these proposals and a pre-application conference with respect to Applicant's proposals was tentatively scheduled for August 19, 2005. No request for the pre-application conference was received within ten (10) days after the date of the pre-application notice; therefore, no conference was held.

Attached hereto are plats of the units which are the subject of Applicant's proposals, which plats are identical to those attached to the pre-application notice. Also attached hereto is a list of the names and addresses of all Interested Owners, Represented Parties and Interested Parties to whom a copy of this application is being sent. Pursuant to the Revised Rules of Procedure, such list is being forwarded only to the Commissioner of Conservation and to the District Manager of the Shreveport District of the Office of Conservation. A copy of the list will be furnished by the undersigned to any party so requesting. A reasonable effort was made to obtain a complete list of Interested Owners, Represented Parties and Interested Parties.

Applicant will provide for posting of a copy of the Legal Notice of this hearing, and of the enclosed plats, at a prominent place in the area affected and will cause publication of the Legal Notice in a newspaper published in the general area of Bear Creek Field, all in accordance with the Revised Rules of Procedure. Furthermore, a copy of the Legal Notice will be mailed to all Interested Owners, Represented Parties and Interested Parties promptly upon receipt of the Legal Notice from the Commissioner.

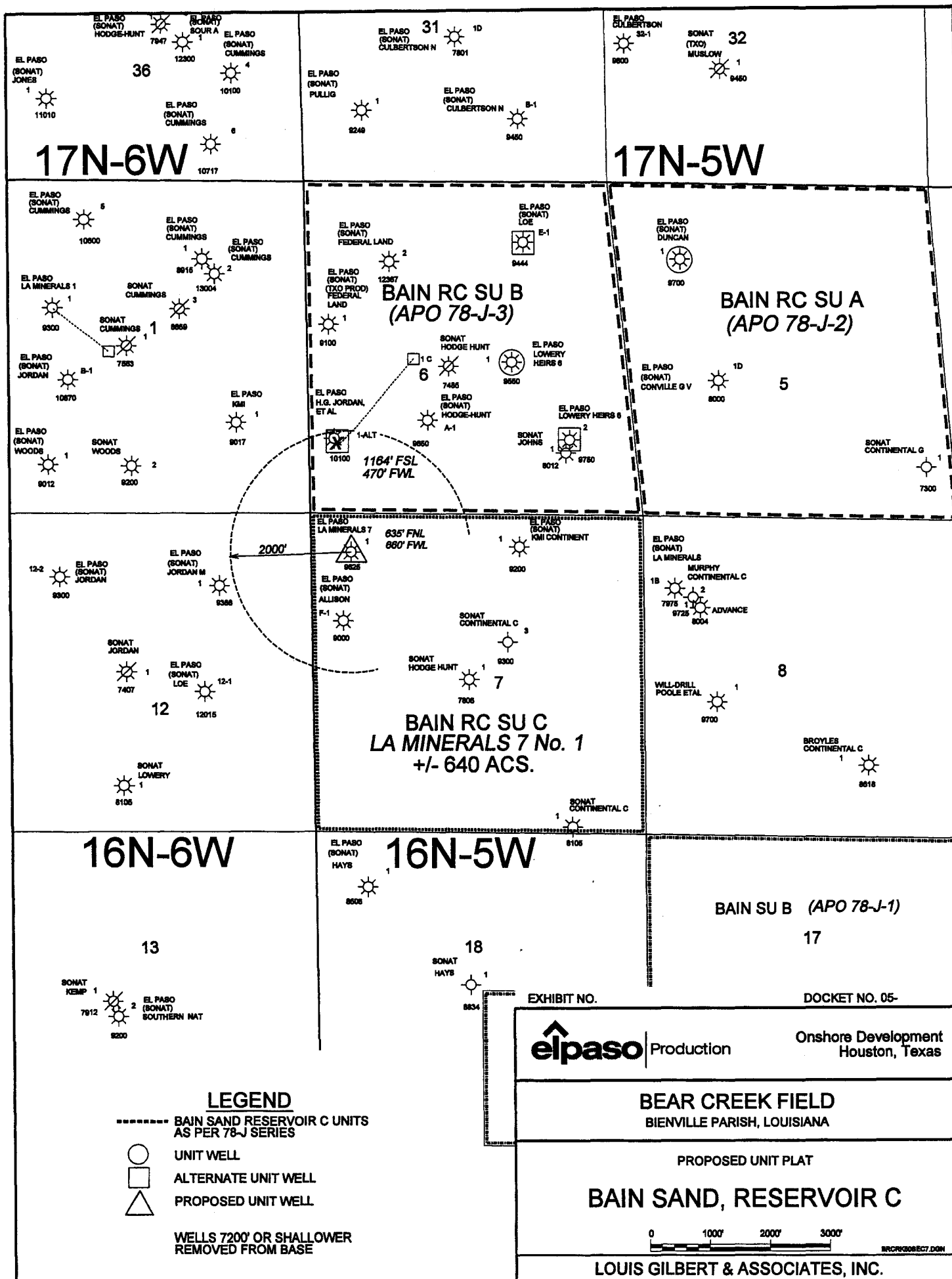
Finally, we enclose our check payable to the Commissioner of Conservation for the application fee.

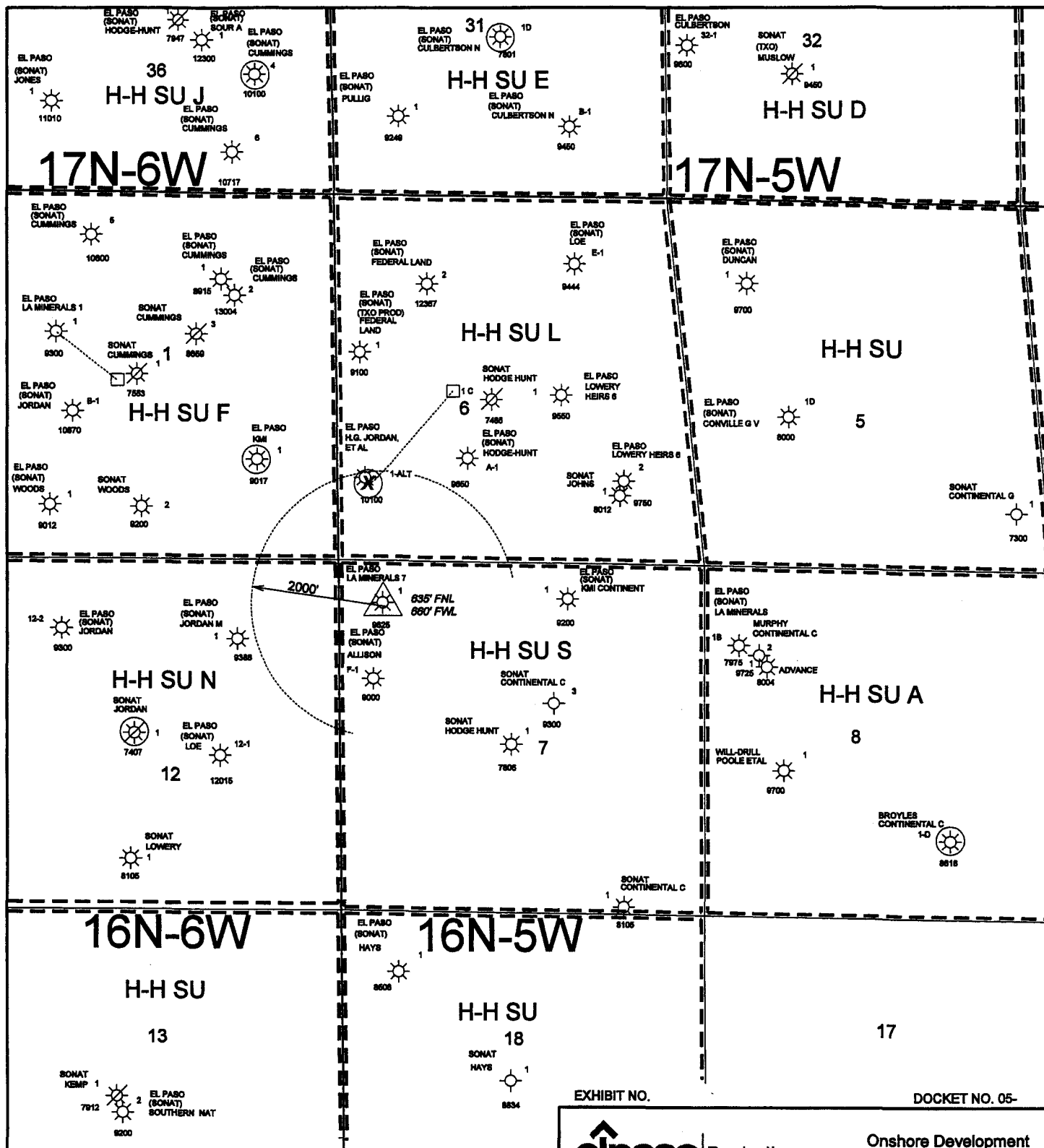
Yours very truly,  
  
David L. Smelley

— Attorney for El Paso Production Company

DLS:dp  
Enclosures

cc: Mr. Jim Broussard (w/encls.)  
Mr. Lew Duff (w/encls.)  
Mr. Louis Gilbert (w/encls.)  
Interested Owners, Represented Parties  
and Interested Parties (w/copy of plats only)





### LEGEND

- HODGE HUNT UNITS AS PER 78 SERIES
- UNIT WELL
- △ PROPOSED UNIT WELL
- WELLS 7200' OR SHALLOWER REMOVED FROM BASE

EXHIBIT NO.

DOCKET NO. 05-

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Production

Onshore Development  
Houston, Texas

**BEAR CREEK FIELD**  
BIENVILLE PARISH, LOUISIANA

PROPOSED UNIT WELL PLAT

**H-H SU S**

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LOUIS GILBERT & ASSOCIATES, INC.

